

GENERAL CONFERENCE

First Day

STATISTICAL REPORT

Number of Stakes of Zion	164
Number of Wards	1,220
Number of Independent Branches	120
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Total Wards and Independent Branches	1,340
Number of Missions	38

Church Membership:

Stakes	823,819
Missions	172,686
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Total	996,505

Church Growth:

Children blessed in stakes and missions	26,163
Children baptized in stakes and missions	17,579
Converts baptized in stakes and missions	5,929

Social Statistics:

Birth rate per thousand	33.8
Marriage rate per thousand	21.9
Death rate per thousand	5.9

Missionaries:

Number of missionaries in the missions of the Church	3,213
Number engaged in missionary work in the Stakes	2,598
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Total Missionaries	5,811
Number of missionaries who received training in the Mission Home during 1946	2,263

President George Albert Smith:

Elder Joseph Anderson has just read the statistical data of the Church and the obituaries.

President J. Reuben Clark, Jr. of the First Presidency will now read the financial statement of the Church, for the fiscal year 1946.

1946 ANNUAL CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

President J. Renben Clark, Jr.:

This report is divided into three parts. Part 1 contains the expenditures made from the central offices of the Church from the tithing and other income. Part 2 contains the non-budget and non-tithing expenditures of the Church, and part 3 the Church Welfare Program. There will be some duplication in the figures of part 1, Church Budget Expenditures, and part 3, Church Welfare Program.

Part 1—CHURCH BUDGET EXPENDITURES FROM GENERAL CHURCH FUNDS, BOTH NON-TITHING AND TITHING INCOMES ALL IN CASH

	Budget Ap- propriation for 1946	Budget Ex- penditures for 1946	Unexpended or Overspent
Total Cash Budget Appropriations for 1946			\$7,375,607.00
Total Cash Budget Expenditures for 1946			6,890,995.00
<i>Office of the Corporation of the President:</i>			
Including salaries of 67 employees; expenses of offices; equipment; maintenance of the Administration Building; and the living allowances and traveling expenses of the General Authorities, all of which are covered by non-tithing income	\$ 343,750.00	\$ 318,237.00	\$ 25,513.00
<i>Office of the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop:</i>			
Including the salaries of 82 employees; expenses of the Aaronic Priesthood Program; traveling expenses of the Presiding Bishopric; taxes; special printing; and departmental expenses—all of which are covered by non-tithing income	239,447.00	227,185.00	12,262.00
TITHING BUDGET EXPENDITURES			
<i>Temples:</i>			
For the operating expenses, including the salaries of 210 employees, and building maintenance, repairs and renovation of the eight temples of the Church	580,735.00	324,537.00	256,198.00
<i>Missions and Missionary Work:</i>			
For the maintenance and operation of the established missions; living and traveling expenses of the mission presidents; return fares of missionaries; free literature; service men's welfare; the erection, remodeling, purchase, maintenance and renting of buildings; and the expenses of the Bureau of Information and Mission Home in Salt Lake City	1,264,236.00	1,201,476.00	62,760.00

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	Budget Ap- propriation for 1946	Budget Ex- penditures for 1946	First Day Unexpended or Overspent
<i>Stake and Ward Expenses:</i>			
Allowances to 161 stakes and 1,340 wards and independent branches, including the maintenance of 1,677 stake, ward, and branch buildings; expenses and mileage allowances to stake presidents and bishops; furnishings for stake and ward offices; stake and ward taxes and stake and ward printing	1,312,380.00	1,301,790.00	10,590.00
<i>Church Welfare:</i>			
For the purchase of equipment and commodities; for the operating expenses of General Committee Storehouses, for land and building purchases and General Committee administrative expenses; for the care of the needy, consisting of rents, light, heat, hospitalization, burials, etc.	629,479.00	665,687.00	36,208.00
<i>Church Schools:</i>			
For the operating expenses of the Brigham Young University, Ricks College, Juarez Academy, 13 institutes and 95 seminaries; for operating expenses of the Department of Education, including the salaries of 405 teachers and 60 administrative officers and office employees; and for maintenance, repairs and improvement of buildings	1,306,678.00	1,306,373.00	305.00
<i>Educational Institutions — Other than Church Schools, Institutes and Seminaries:</i>			
Consisting of the McCune School of Music and Art; Lund Home for Boys; Deseret Gymnasium; Society for the Aid of the Sightless and the General Music Committee	57,695.00	37,558.00	20,137.00
<i>Building Operations:</i>			
For the maintenance of the buildings and grounds on the Temple Block and the Tabernacle organ; for the maintenance of other Church properties situated immediately adjacent to the Temple Block; for the erection, repairing and renovating of ward buildings and \$9,118.00 for equipping hospital buildings	1,079,468.00	1,037,698.00	41,770.00
<i>Historic Monuments and Bureaus of Information:</i>			
For the repair and maintenance of such properties at Palmyra, New York; South Royalton, Vermont; Carthage, Illinois; and for maintenance of the Memorial Cemeteries	60,014.00	28,561.00	31,453.00
<i>Indian Projects:</i>			
In the Papago Ward	10,125.00	10,861.00	736.00

	Budget Ap- propriation for 1946	Budget Ex- penditures for 1946	Unexpended or Overspent
<i>Church Committee on Radio and Publicity:</i>			
For publicity and mission literature	32,553.00	19,818.00	12,735.00
<i>Genealogical Society of Utah:</i>			
For the maintenance of the Church genealogical library, record Archives, temples index bureau and allied departments, and for the recording, indexing, photographing and filing of genealogical and temple ordinance data, including the names of 415,374 persons forwarded to the eight temples for baptisms and endowments, and for the salaries of 158 full time employees	327,491.00	306,743.00	20,748.00
<i>Other Expenses:</i>			
Consisting of contributions to civic organizations such as the Red Cross, Community Chest, etc.; salaries of tabernacle choir conductors and organists; taxes; legal expenses; welfare assistance by the General Church Offices; public liability and other insurance, etc.	131,556.00	104,471.00	27,085.00
Total Budget and Expenditures	\$7,375,607.00	\$6,890,995.00	\$484,612.00

Part II—NON-BUDGET AND NON-TITHING EXPENDITURES FROM CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN WARDS AND MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR 1946 ALL IN CASH

The expenditures budgeted from General Church funds and paid principally from the tithes are detailed above. The following expenditures were made from further contributions by members of the Church:	
Paid for stake and ward building purposes	\$ 720,795.00
Expended for stake, ward, and mission maintenance purposes; expenses of auxiliary organizations, and for recreation	2,207,298.00
Expended from ward and mission fast offerings	779,365.00
Expended from welfare contributions	429,994.00
Surplus Fast Offerings expended by Presiding Bishopric	101,309.00
Assistance rendered missionaries	147,258.00
Expended from General Board dues; Children's contributions to the Primary Hospital, and donations to temples	234,683.00
Expended by Church schools, in addition to amount listed under budget expenditures, from funds derived from tuitions and other sources	756,961.00
 Total non-budget cash expenditures, 1946, from contributions, other than tithing, donated by the Church membership in wards and missions and other sources	5,377,663.00
Expended by the hospitals for the care of the needy sick, in addition to the amount paid from the tithes and included in Part I	41,455.00
Total budget cash expenditures by general Church offices, brought forward from above	6,890,995.00
 Total cash expenditures, budget and non-budget, of the Church for the year 1946	\$12,310,113.00

Part III—THE CHURCH WELFARE PROGRAM

Fast Offering Data:

Number of Church members who paid voluntary fast offerings and welfare contributions in wards and missions:

In the wards	153,293
In the missions	36,234
Total	189,527

Amount of voluntary fast offerings and welfare contributions:

In wards:	
Fast offerings	\$ 694,161.00
Welfare contributions	453,091.00
In missions:	
Fast offerings	97,105.00
Total fast offerings and welfare contributions in wards and missions	\$ 1,244,357.00

Per cent of Church members who paid fast offerings

21.75%

Average fast offerings per capita in wards, total membership

97.8c

Average fast offerings per capita in missions (based on the membership of missions reporting)

60c

Average fast offerings per capita based on the membership of wards and the membership of missions from which reports were received

90.8c

Welfare Program Cash Expenditures:

Expended from ward and mission fast offerings and welfare contributions for the care of the needy consisting of food, clothing, rents, light, heat, hospitalization, burials, etc. and for the purchase of commodities for storehouses

1,209,359.00

Disbursed by the General Welfare Committee for the operating costs of storehouses; for the overhead expenses of the General Committee; and for the shipment of relief supplies to European missions

290,416.00

Disbursed by the Corporations of the President and Presiding Bishop for direct assistance; for contributions to civic, denominational and school projects; and for donations to charitable institutions, such as the American Red Cross, Community Chest, health foundations and Youth Organizations

284,410.00

Expended by the hospitals for the care of the sick

41,455.00

Total Relief Cash Expenditures for the year 1946, all included in above grand total of budget and non-budget cash expenditures

\$ 1,825,640.00

This is an increase over the year of 1945 of

\$ 644,401.00

In addition to the cash expenditure of \$1,825,640.00 for welfare purposes, the General Church Welfare Committee makes the following further financial report, with a statement indicating the commodities produced for and distributed from bishops storehouses during 1946, and the inventories of commodities at December 31, 1946.

*Summary of the Annual Report of the Church Welfare Plan:
December 31, 1946*

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Present Net Cash Value:

Current Assets (Principally cash and notes and accounts receivable)	\$ 1,434,600.37
Inventories (Principally Commodities)	524,116.66
Fixed Assets (Land, Buildings, etc.)	2,289,408.48
Total Assets	\$ 4,248,125.51

Fixed Assets Include:

Deseret Industries, Deseret Mills and Elevators, Deseret Clothing Factory, Deseret Coal Mine.

One hundred and five Bishops' Storehouses having a total floor area of 467,497 square feet. This is twelve times the area covered by the Tabernacle; and a little more than the area of the Temple Block. There are 65 cannerys included in the 105 Bishops' Storehouses.

Farms, ranches, dairies, and other regional and stake properties, made up of 9,422 acres of land, together with buildings, improvements, equipment and livestock.

The Fixed Assets were acquired with funds secured from the following sources:

Cash from General Church funds, through the General Committee	\$ 795,372.81
Cash from wards, stakes, regions, and Priesthood quorums	1,101,025.03
Donations, labor and property	393,010.64
Total	\$ 2,289,408.48

The Fixed Assets consist of:

Land	\$ 782,681.15
Buildings	1,010,200.22
Equipment	394,253.15
Furniture and Fixtures	44,398.96
Total	\$ 2,231,533.48

To the foregoing fixed assets should be added:

Livestock	57,875.00
Total Fixed Assets and Livestock	\$ 2,289,408.48

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Production, Distribution, Inventory, and Budget Assignment of Commodities for Bishops' Storehouses.

Items	Unit	1946 Production	1946 Purchases	1946 Distribution	Inventory Dec. 31, 1946
Canned Produce (Milk, Vegetables, Fruits, Jams and Spreads)	quarts	803,188	55,303	793,133	694,402
Animal Products (Butter, Eggs, and Meat)	pounds	429,841	347,533	528,452	198,947
Vegetables, Fruits, and preservatives (Not canned)	pounds	2,184,602	240,300	2,369,941	894,015
Grains and Grain Products	pounds	2,810,651	1,763,160	2,673,694	3,876,857
Other Foods	pounds	54,778	46,243	126,969	72,309
Various Drugs and Household Supplies and Soaps	items	126,393	65,122	190,683	128,266
Cotton and Misc. Items	pounds	41,910	800	30,101	11,851
Fuel (mostly coal)	tons	244	3,799	3,186	1,389
Clothing and Dry Goods	articles	107,619	80,013	83,002	190,866
Furniture	articles	74	680	955	43

In addition to the distribution reported above, there were sent from storehouse stocks to Saints in European Missions, 740,573 quarts canned produce, 156,928 pounds meat, 386,200 pounds Grain Products and 18,600 bars soap.

Activities of the Program During 1946: Canning and Processing for Storehouse

Program:

Vegetables, Fruits, Jams and Spreads	486,101	quarts	(664,876 cans)
Meat, Fish, and Fowl	37,606	pounds	(30,615 cans)
Milk, canned (each can equivalent to one quart fresh milk)	156,720	cans	
Milk, bottled	127,126	quarts	
Miscellaneous Food (Spices, Flavoring, etc.)	2,405	pounds	
Flour, Cereals and Livestock Feeds	2,978,830	pounds	

Group Canning:

The following canning was done at Welfare canneries for their own use by 759 groups, consisting of 14,992 people:

Fruits and Vegetables	689,615	quarts	(1,010,916 cans)
Meat and Fish	42,902	pounds	(32,313 cans)
			1,043,229 cans

Field Activities:

Field activities carried on in the production of the 1946 Welfare Budget include 568 crop projects, cultivating 3,985 acres of land; 158 livestock projects, which produced 755 head of livestock, 8,340 chickens, 399 rabbits, and 56 stands of bees.

51,638 man days of work were donated on these projects, and 6,860 man days of work were donated in operating storehouses and processing plants.

For purposes other than the production of the budget for the Bishops' Storehouse program, there were 87 crop projects, 28 livestock projects, and 48 manufacturing projects operated during 1946. These agricultural projects utilized 528 acres of land and produced 109 head of livestock.

Assistance Rendered:

There have been from 17,913 to 55,460 persons assisted through the bishops' storehouse program each year since 1938. In 1946, there were 22,336 persons so assisted in the United States. We also sent to Europe enough food and clothing to help almost an equal number, or over 40,000 persons all told in 1946.

During this period and outside of Europe more than 1,032 families have been helped to become self-supporting; 7,383 persons have been assisted in other ways; and 1,675 construction projects have been completed in addition to the construction for the bishops' storehouse program.

Welfare Meetings Being Held:

Of the 156 stakes reporting, 126 hold Stake Welfare Committee meetings monthly or oftener; 24 hold them less frequently; and 6 are not holding any meetings; Of the 862 wards reported, 183 hold weekly Ward Welfare Committee meetings; 652 hold them less frequently; and 27 are not holding any meetings. No report from 477 wards.

Persons Relinquishing Government Relief:

During the past four years 1,729 persons have relinquished their position on Government Relief rolls. Of this number 690 have been rehabilitated and are receiving no aid from the Church, nor so far as known from any other gratuitous source; 697 are yet receiving part of their support from the Church; and 342 are receiving all their needs from the Church.

Relief Supplies Sent to Europe:

Relief Supplies sent to Europe and Japan through the Welfare Program, as of March 25, 1946. (Shipments commenced October 29, 1945.)

Parcel post packages:

To Europe	8,319 parcels of clothing 6,726 parcels of bedding
To Japan	292 parcels of clothing 64 parcels of food
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A total of 15,401 parcels, the equivalent of 6 freight carloads, valued at \$84,531.00 at a cost for postage of \$24,925.00.

In addition to the foregoing, shipped by parcel post, we sent to Europe in bulk shipments:

	16 cars of clothing 29 cars of food
A total of	<hr/> 45

The value of these 45 cars was \$463,623.00; they were shipped at a cost in freight of \$117,742.00.

This makes a total of 51 freight carloads, valued at \$548,154.00, at a transportation cost of \$142,667.00, a total of \$690,821.00.

The materials sent to Europe went to the Church members in Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Netherlands, Norway, Great Britain, and Germany.

Emergency Activity:

During 1946 the Welfare Program was again called upon to meet a major problem involving a flood catastrophe similar to the one in Arizona in 1942 and the one on the Avenues in Salt Lake City in 1945.

On Wednesday, July 24, a cloudburst in the mountains immediately east of Mt. Pleasant in Sanpete County washed mud, boulders, and debris into the city covering an area varying from 50 to 300 feet wide and 1-3/8 miles long. Sixty homes and 4 business establishments were damaged. Twelve homes had basements completely filled with mud; four had considerable damage done to them by mud entering on the main floor. Four barns, three chicken coops, and three garages were damaged and 250 chickens and three haystacks were lost. The flood covered 43 lawns and 30 gardens.

On Monday July 29, 235 men, together with tools, wheelbarrows and some motorized equipment, removed the muck and debris from the basements and main floors of all homes and from the sidewalks leading thereto. During that day 2,480

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man hours, 186 horse hours and 96 truck hours of work were furnished. Work was then suspended for one week to allow the mud to dry. Beginning Monday, August 5, the five stakes of the Juab-Sanpete Region carried on an organized clean-up campaign. This work continued for nearly five weeks with 120 men on the job the first day and an average of 10 men on the job each day thereafter until the rocks and debris were removed from the lawns, driveways and gardens.

The Red Cross organization furnished some heavy power equipment to assist in this work and the city took care of hauling the mud and debris after it was removed to the street. The city also cleared the wide streets of Mt. Pleasant.

One hundred fifteen cases of fruits, vegetables and meats were distributed to replace, partially, the foods which had been destroyed by the flood. Neighbors were very generous in contributing vegetables from their gardens as long as they lasted.

President J. Reuben Clark, Jr.

We feel that this is another demonstration of what the Welfare Program can do in dire emergency.

I should like to add to this a word or two. Unemployment seems to be increasing. We shall probably have greater need this year, locally, than ever before if this unemployment increases. I want to read an excerpt from a letter from President Walter Stover of the East German Mission, dated February 16, addressed to the First Presidency.

"I went to visit one sister whose husband was killed in action in Russia. She lives with her three children in an attic which has no heat, no windows, no water, the toilet facilities were all frozen, and there was hardly any bedding. Two small children were in bed shivering. The mother was hard of hearing and the oldest daughter, eleven, was almost insane, half-starved and frozen. The little girl had no shoes and little clothing. The mother was unkempt and had not washed for want of water. Brother Ranglaci and I closed the open windows with ply wood from the boxes I shipped in, gave a little wood from the mission home, and brought the mother and daughter to the mission home, where we gave them warm food and clothing.

"I will never forget the thankful expression on the little girl's face when she got underclothing, a dress, stockings, and new shoes. We also could help the mother and other little children from the Welfare supplies. We gave them a couple of blankets and a few other things. The family might well have frozen to death if they had not come to our attention. We have since visited them, and although they have no heat, they have something to wear and warm bedding.

"There are many more similar cases and we do not know them all. Some families are refugees and we have not found them yet, but little by little we find more and more and we are doing everything possible to relieve the situation. Every morning I get a stack of letters from people pleading for help. Children are fainting in school for want of nourishment. I am happy that now we can send them some relief."

Brother Alma Sonne wired, pursuant to our request, on March 13th:

"Welfare supplies en route and on hand sufficient through summer. Situation not improved in Germany. Need continues acute for wheat, fats, sugar, milk, meat, dried beans, peas, concentrated foods. Great need for heavy worn clothing, underwear; large, heavy men's, women's and children's shoes; soleing materials, blankets, bedding. Dutch needs few. Air mailing further information, seed needs, and distribution problems."

We have a task ahead and I can foresee that it may be necessary for us to call for private contributions in addition to all that we can do under the Welfare program. God grant that we may not fail to meet this challenge in caring for the distressed of our Saints abroad who have been loyal and true through conditions of which we can scarcely dream, I humbly pray, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

President George Albert Smith:

President J. Reuben Clark, Jr. of the First Presidency has just read the Financial Statement. While he was talking I wondered if we here in this room, any of us, appreciate what it has meant. The Lord has blessed us abundantly, and while we have been able to make some contributions to the helpless, in all this time we have had everything we have needed to preserve life and make us reasonably comfortable. What a blessed people we have been!

Elder Orval W. Adams will now read the report of the Church Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF CHURCH AUDITING COMMITTEE

Salt Lake City, Utah
March 24, 1947

President George Albert Smith and Counselors
Dear Brethren:

Your Committee has reviewed the Annual Financial Report of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the year ending December 31st, 1946. The accounting system is modern and adequate. The funds of the Church are being conserved with great care and expended only after thoughtful and careful consideration. The report shows the Church to be in a strong financial condition and free from debt.

Respectfully submitted,

Orval W. Adams
Albert E. Bowen
George S. Spencer
Harold H. Bennett
Auditing Committee